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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE REACTIONS TO FRELIMO'S GERMAN VISIT

1. PORTUGUESE IN MOZAMBIQUE, STILL REELING FROM EFFECTS OF CLAIMS ABOUT ALLEGED MASSACRES IN TETE DISTRICT, RECEIVED FURTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FRG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) HAD RECEIVED FRELIMO DELEGATION, AND RESULTING STATEMENT BY HANS-JERGEN WISCHNEWSKE SUPPORTING FRELIMO AND PROMISING GERMAN BOYCOTT OF ARMS TO PORTUGAL. DISCLAIMERS ISSUED BY BONN FOREIGN OFFICE AND CHANCELLOR HAVE NOT ENTIRELY DISPELLED INDIGNATION.

2. COLUMNIST BARATA FEIO, WRITING IN AUGUST 9 NOTICIAS, SAID CHANCELLOR BRANDT, AS HEAD OF FRG AND LEADER OF SPD, MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR VISIT, SINCE IT CLEARLY IN HIS POWER TO CANCEL IT HAD HE DESIRED DO SO. WRITER ACCUSES FRG OF "FLOORING" PORTUGUESE WITH BLOW FROM RIGHT HAND, WHILE GIVING THEM MEANS (PRESUMABLY SUPPORT FOR CABORA BASSA DAM) TO CURE THE WOUNDS WITH THE LEFT. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT

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GERMANY HAS ENTIRE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AS FOCUS FOR ITS CUL-

TURAL, COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, AND ASKS FINALLY
"WHAT IS FRELIMO? WHAT DOES FRELIMO REPRESENT? ONLY A TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION".

3. "DIARIO" OF AUGUST 14 PRINTS A MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT,
SIGNED "GERMANS RESIDENT IN MOZAMBIQUE", PROTESTING THE SPD
INVITATION TO FRELIMO, WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS BEING "HATED
BY THE MAJORITY OF THE EUROPEAN AND NATIVE CIVIL POPULATION,
FOR ACTS OF ASSASSINATION, MUTILATION, AND RAPE." MESSAGE
APPEALS TO BRANDT TO USE HIS INFLUENCE SO THAT "GERMANY WILL
NOT PARTICIPATE IN MOVEMENTS TENDING TO SOW HATE, TO DISTORT
TRUTH, AND FINALLY AGREE TO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE INNOCENT
CIVIL POPULATION." PRESS HAS REPORTED SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM
GERMANS RESIDING IN ANGOLA.

4. COMMENT: LITTLE DOUBT THAT PORTUGUESE HERE WOULD BE
SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT PROSPECT OF NO LONGER GETTING GERMAN
ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY AT TIME WHEN FRELIMO IS BEING
STRENGTHENED BY MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS FROM COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES.
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